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USSR CELEBRATES ARMED FORCES ANNIVERSARY

**MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MEET**

Khabarovsk -- Molodoy Dal'n'nevostochnik, No 32, 23 Feb 49

The Khabarovsk City Committee VVP(b) and the City Soviet of Workers' Deputies held a session in honor of the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Army on 22 February. General-Lieutenant Tsvetkov presented a report on the anniversary. The presidium of the session included: Nazarov, secretary of the Khabarovsk Fray Committee VAP(b); Marshal of the Soviet Union Malinovsky; Sukhinin, secretary of the Fray Committee VVP(b); Alekseyev, secretary of the Khabarovsk City Committee VAP(b); Lashkov, chairman of the Khabarovsk City Executive Committee; Panov, secretary of the Fray Committee VIKEN; generals, and directors of kray and city Party and soviet organizations.

Leningrad -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 44, 23 Feb 49

On 22 February, a general city meeting was held at the Officers' club named S. M. Kirov in Leningrad attended by representatives of Soviet, Party, trade union, and Komsomol organizations, together with representatives of the Soviet Army and Navy, in honor of the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Armed Forces.

The presidium included Guards General-polkovnik D. N. Gusev, Commander of the Leningrad Military District, A. A. Yelkhov, secretary of Leningrad Oblast Committee of the VKP(b); M. A. Tairov, deputy chairman of the Executive Committee of the Oblast Soviet of Workers' Deputies; A. M. Grigor'yev, chairman of Oblast Trade Union Council; and generals and heroes of the Soviet Union. The meeting was opened by N. A. Manakov, deputy chairman of the Executive Committee of the Leningrad City Soviet of Workers' Deputies.

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General-major N. N. Tsvetayev spoke on the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Armed Forces.

Estonian SSR -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 44, 23 Feb 49

The Tallin City Soviet of Workers' Deputies and the Tallin City Committee of the KP(b) Estonia held a joint meeting with representatives of the Army and Navy in honor of the 31st anniversary of the Soviet Armed Forces on 22 February.

The presidium included: Karotamm, Kedrov, Kuuzik, Myurisepp, secretaries of the TsK KP(b) Estonia, Pyall', chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Estonian SSR; Boytsov, deputy chairman of the Soviet of Ministers Estonian SSR; Kryundel', secretary of the City Committee of the Party; Gendrikson, chairman of the Executive Committee of the City Soviet, and others.

Ukrainian SSR -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 44, 23 Feb 49

Workers and military units of Kiev celebrated Army Day at a joint meeting. General-leytenant V. P. Mzhavanadze, Deputy Commander in charge of political affairs of the Kiev Military District, spoke on the 31st anniversary of the Armed Forces USSR.

CHITA SKIING-SHOOTING TEAMS FORMED -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 30, 13 Feb 49

DOBARM members in Chernyshevskiy Rayon, Chita Oblast, have formed 20 teams of riflemen on skis in kolkhoses, sovkhoses, MTSs, and enterprises. The teams have started training and will take part in rayon skiing-shooting contests in honor of Army Day.

DOBARM RIFLE CLUB HAS COMPETITION -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, No 35, 20 Feb 49

Members of Stalinabad DOBARM Rifle Club are participating in a shooting match with combat and small-caliber rifles to do honor to the anniversary of the Soviet Army.

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